

NASA Advisory Council Finding

Office of Education Continued Progress and Strategic Alignment

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- The Office of Education continues to demonstrate progress toward implementing the recommendations of the Education and Outreach Business Services Assessment (BSA). The actions taken by the Office of Education to improve the strategic alignment, implementation, and evaluation of their STEM engagement activities have happened swiftly and are impressive.
- The Office of Education has undertaken a comprehensive approach to researching and developing an evaluation program. The Office has also realigned the Space Grant and Internship programs to be more closely aligned with the mission and vision of NASA. Another step the Office has taken is to use the unique situation of the two educators on the International Space Station (ISS) to name this year the “Year of Education on Station.” Finally, the Office realigned the informal institution solicitation to be more focused and streamlined.
- In summary, specific examples of the impressive progress include:
 - Significant progress toward evaluation of NASA STEM education investments
 - Realigned signature programs (i.e., Space Grant and Internship)
 - Amplifying NASA profile with “Year of Education on Station”
 - TEAM II solicitation optimized